

United States Senate

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January 11, 2008

The Honorable Samuel L. Bodman
Secretary
Department of Energy
100 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

**RE: DOE Solicitation DE-PS36-07GO97034
Development of Saccharifying Enzymes for Commercial Use**

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I write on behalf of my constituent DSM Innovations, Inc., a New Jersey company headquartered in Parsippany and with a manufacturing and industrial biotech facility in Belvidere. DSM Innovations, Inc. has submitted a proposal in response to the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) request for projects which commercially develop enzyme systems to hydrolyze and saccharify pretreated lignocellulosic biomass.

Research and Developments Grants such as this one are a timely and important step toward meeting the robust Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) and advanced cellulosic biofuels requirements of the recently passed "Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007."

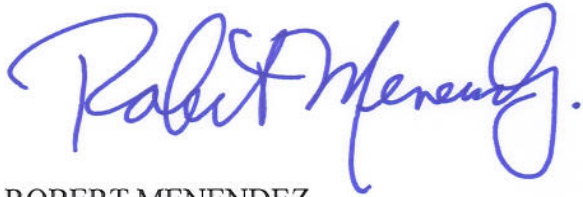
It is my pleasure to inform you that I support DSM's efforts to develop a cost-effective saccharifying enzyme to help secure the future use of cellulosic ethanol and sustainable, renewable biofuels. DSM is a global leader in the development of innovative products that are used in life and material sciences. With a strong commitment to sustainable fuels development and 50 years of experience in enzyme fermentation technology, DSM is uniquely positioned to overcome the technical obstacles holding back commercially viable cellulosic ethanol. I believe you will find DSM's proposal to be exemplary, and I would appreciate every appropriate consideration, within the applicable guidelines, during your review.

DSM has been in continuous operation for more than 100 years and on five continents, employing approximately 22,000 people worldwide. More than 500 people work for DSM in the State of New Jersey, where it continues to grow its operation.

DSM has the expertise, experience, and ability to help make cellulosic biofuels a rapidly growing and affordable part of our fuel supply.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert Menendez." The signature is fluid and cursive, with a period at the end.

ROBERT MENENDEZ
United States Senator